# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING DUES FOR USE OF DEFENCE AIRCRAFTS
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether huge amounts are outstanding against the former Cabinet Ministers including former Prime Ministers for use of defence aircrafts for unofficial journeys;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for recovery of outstanding dues from them?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The amount outstanding against the former Prime Ministers for using Defence aircraft for unofficial journeys, is as under:-

| Name | Amount (Rs) |
|---|---|
| Shri Chandrasekhar | 5,91,31,476/- |
| Late Shri PV Narasimha Rao | 5,72,13,700/- |
| Shri HD Deve Gowda | 54,61,497/- |
| Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee | 8,74,808/- |

No Cabinet Minister is entitled to use the Indian Air Force aircraft for unofficial journeys.

(c) The Government has filed suits in the year 2000-2001, in the High Court of Delhi, for effecting recovery of the amounts from Shri Chandrasekhar, Late Shri PV Narasimha Rao and Shri HD Deve Gowda, former Prime Ministers as well as the political parties they represent. The matter is sub-judice. The political parties concerned have also been reminded for the recovery of the outstanding amount.